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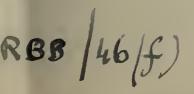
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24th September, 1946.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit for the information of His Excellency the Governor and the Legislature the Medical Report on the Health and Sanitary conditions of Barbados for the year 1945—46, with the appendices attached thereto.

I have the honour to be, Sir, Your obedient servant,

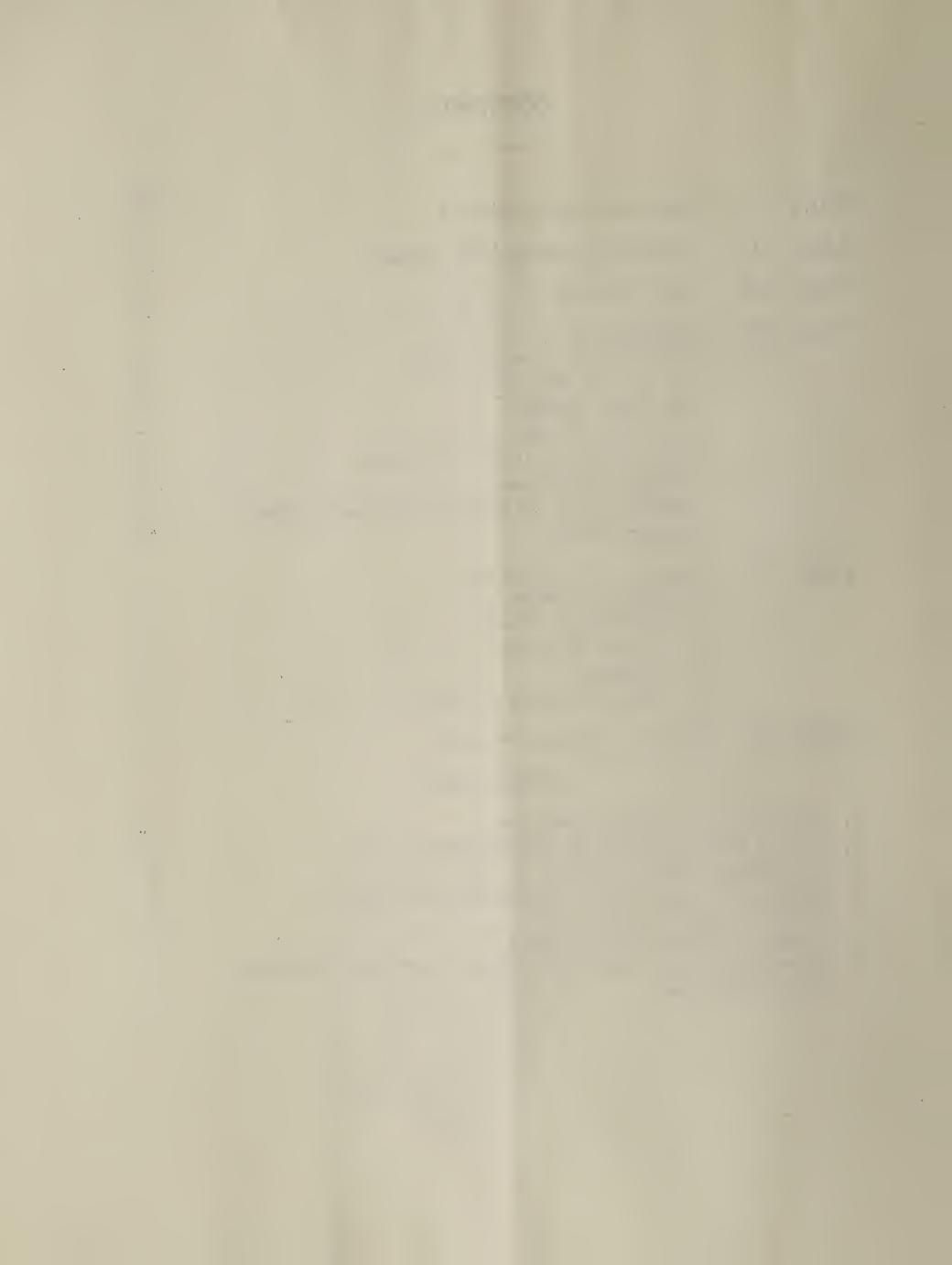
> H. D. WEATHERHEAD, Chief Medical Officer.

The Honourable,
The Colonial Secretary,
Barbados.

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PART I. STAFF AND GENERAL REMARKS

Staff. The following medical officers are employed by the Government:—

Whole-time:-

The Chief Medical Officer,

The Sanitation Officer,

The Bacteriologist and Pathologist,

The Medical Superintendent, Mental Hospital, The Assistant Medical Superintendent, Mental

Hospital,

The Port Health Officer.

Part-time:---

The Assistant Port Health Officer,

The Visiting Physician, Leper Hospital,

The Prison Medical Officer,

The Visiting Physician, Government Industrial Schools.

In addition, the Parochial Authorities employ twelve part-time Parochial Medical Officers.

The Medical staff of the Barbados General Hospital is comprised of the Medical Superintendent, The Radiologist, three Visiting Surgeons, three Assistant Visiting Surgeons, one Ophthalmic, Ear, Nose and Throat Surgeon, one Assistant Ophthalmic, Ear, Nose and Throat Surgeon, One House Surgeon and Anaesthetist and three House Surgeons.

2. General Remarks. The health of the Colony during the year under review was well maintained. There were no outbreaks of serious disease and the incidence of the communicable endemic diseases was reduced in some instances.

3. The general diseases remained similar to those recorded for recent years with the exception of cancer and circulatory diseases which showed increased death rates. This reflects the strain caused by the wear and tear of modern life and the gradual tendency towards an artificial form of existence.

4. The nutritional state of the population remained satisfactory, bearing in mind the world position. There was little evidence of gross dietary deficiencies. The above remarks should not be taken as indicating that all is well with the nutrition of the population, for

improvements are needed in many directions.

5. Proposals for the re-organisation of the Health and Medical Services were submitted to the Government in the form of a Memorandum by the Chief Medical Officer on the 12th of April, 1945. The memorandum received close and detailed examination. A Bill to modernise quarantine and bring the Colony in line with other West Indian Colonies was also submitted on the 23rd of November, 1945.

- 6. Towards the end of 1945, Dr. W. H. Kauntze, Chief Medical Adviser to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, paid a visit to the Colony. He inspected the Barbados General Hospital and the Government Institutions and paid visits to several parishes where he saw the arrangements for the care of destitute and sick persons. At a special meeting of the General Board of Health, Dr. Kauntze and Sir Rupert Briercliffe, Medical Adviser to the Comptroller for Development and Welfare in the West Indies, were present and discussions took place on the proposals made by the Chief Medical Officer for the reorganisation of the Health and Medical Services.
- 7. The resignation of Sir Rupert Briercliffe from the post of Medical Adviser to the Comptroller is recorded with great regret. The West Indies have lost the advice of an able Public Health Officer and one who did much to encourage ordered progress in the field of medicine.

PART II. GENERAL AND COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

8. Figures given in this part of the Report with regard to deaths, diseases and statistics refer to the calendar year 1945 unless otherwise indicated.

General Diseases

- 9. Cancer and other Tumours accounted for 169 deaths, representing 5.34% of total deaths.
- 10. Cerebral Haemorrhage, Embolism and Thrombosis were given as the cause of death of 270 persons representing 8.53% of total deaths.
- 11. Diseases of the Circulatory System were responsible for 423 deaths or 13.36% of total deaths.
- 12. Diseases of the Respiratory System caused 319 deaths or 10.1% of total deaths. It should be noted that deaths due to pulmonary tuberculosis were not included in the above figures.

- 13. Diseases of the Digestive System produced 359 deaths or 11.03% of total deaths.
- 14. Diseases of the Genito-Urinary System accounted for 242 deaths representing 7.65% of total deaths.
- 15. Nutritional diseases were responsible for forty four deaths or 1.39% of total deaths.

Communicable Diseases

16. Enteric Fever:—Seventy-one cases were reported during the This was twenty-six less than in 1944. There were thirteen deaths given a case mortality of 18.31% and representing .41% of the The cases were not lumped in any one area but were total deaths. scattered throughout the various concentrations of population. reduction in the number of cases as compared with 1944 is very satisfactory but the incidence is still too high. No sustained improvement can be expected until measures are taken to provide properly constructed latrines for the population as the problem is mainly connected with the disposal of human excreta. In rural areas particularly, there is an almost complete lack of latrines, the method of disposal being a shallow hole dug in the yard in close proximity to the dwelling. It should also be realised by those who have proper disposal at their homes that they are still in danger of contracting the disease as long as their neighbours are without such conveniences.

17. Tuberculosis:—Eighty cases of pulmonary tuberculosis were notified as compared with 116 cases in 1944. There were 114 deaths from tuberculosis, 110 pulmonary and four non-pulmonary. As in previous years the notifications were less than the deaths. All deaths

from tuberculosis represented 3.6% of the total deaths.

18. In view of the excellent climatic conditions in Barbados the death rate from tuberculosis should not be as high as that recorded. It is therefore necessary to examine other factors which are known to influence the prevalence of the disease. The two most important are housing and nutrition. These are immense in their scope and long-term planning is needed to ensure steady improvement. In other parts of this Report under the appropriate headings accounts are given of the steps which have been taken.

19. As mentioned in last year's Annual Report, Dr. W. S. Gilmour in his special report on tuberculosis in Barbados divided his recommendations for the control of the disease into general and special measures. It is necessary again to stress that no action can be taken to implement the recommendations falling under the head "Special measures" until the health and medical services are re-organised. It would be quite useless to establish a tuberculosis hospital and sanatorium in the absence of expert trained personnel such as medical

officers of health and public health nurses.

20. Dysentery: Eleven deaths were reported during the year.

No differentiation was made as to the type of the disease.

21. Diphtheria:— Twelve cases were notified as compared with fourteen for the previous year. No deaths were reported. Private

practitioners have made good use of the alum precipitated diphtheria toxoid for active immunisation which was introduced in 1944.

22. Venereal Diseases:— The five venereal diseases were in evidence during the year, viz: Spyhilis, Gonorrhoea, Granuloma Inguinate, Lympho-granuloma venereum and chancroid. There were 186 deaths due to cyphilis, of these ninety-nine occurred in children under five years of age, and of the ninety-nine deaths, eighty-six were infants under one year of age. The number of deaths from syphilis represented 5.88% of the total deaths.

23. The only accurate figure of the extent of syphilis apart from the inference which can be drawn from the above records of the deaths, was obtained as a result of Kahn tests performed on labourers recruited for work in the United States of America. These examina-

tions resulted in positive Kahns in 23% of the labourers.

- The organisation for the control of the venereal diseases is not integrated. Returns are made by various clinics to the Board of Directors of the General Hospital who control the clinic situated at that Institution and this procedure appears to be the only connecting link. There are no public health officers on the Board of Directors therefore it is doubtful if these returns have any real mean-The work at the clinics consists of treatment only, there being no follow-up or no contact investigations. From the public health point of view the work that is being done is of little value. In the absence of medical officers of health and public health nurses it is difficult to carry out health education and this is of primary importance in any scheme for the control of these diseases. Legislation is also needed to regularise such procedures as pre-natal and pre-marital blood tests, ensuring that infectious persons continue treatment until non-infectious, and the investigation of contacts. All these important measures can only be carried out when an organised Health Service is established.
- 25. Leprosy:— One case was notified and there were six deaths therefrom. Many improvements, including recreation and reading rooms for the patients at the Leper Hospital, were effected during the year.
- 26. Tetanus:— Forty-six deaths occurred as a result of tetanus twenty-eight of these being infants under one year. Government has taken active steps, as the result of a grant under the Development and Welfare Act, with a view to establishing a Maternity Hospital for the training of midwives. This measure along with the appointment of the fully trained midwives to districts should eliminate tetanus neonatorum completely and remove this blot once and for all from the records of the Colony.
- 27. Cerebrospinal meningitis:— 116 cases were notified for 1945. There were twenty-eight deaths giving a case mortality of 24.12%. The case mortality is higher than those recorded for selected and easily controlled groups such as troop concentrations, etc., but similar to rates in general populations. The great value of the sulpha drugs in the treatment of this disease will be appreciated when it is realised that before they were exhibited in the treatment mortality rates ran as high as 80%.

28. It will be recalled that in last year's Report an account was given of the manner in which the disease was introduced into the Colony. Labourers recruited for work in the United States of America continued to return to Barbados throughout the period under review. Although there was no sudden outbreak as at the end of 1944, without doubt some of the returned labourers were carriers of the disease having been in contact with infected persons during the course of their work in America. These circumstances along with carriers created during the outbreak at the end of 1944 and early in 1945 have kept the reservoir of infection present in the general community.

29. Every case was isolated after notification and the Sanitary staffs of the various parishes visited the premises on every occasion and carried out careful disinfection of articles and buildings. Great credit must be given to the Barbados General Hospital for the ready co-operation which was given in regard to the isolation of persons suffering from the disease. The relatively small number of cases speaks well for the work of the Medical and Sanitary staffs in the

parishes.

30. Malaria:—The Colony remained free from malaria during the year. Great enough stress cannot be placed on the immense value of this asset from every point of view. The measures introduced to prevent the entry of anophelines, viz. the disinsectisation of every schooner before coming alongside and precautions at the airport were given careful attention.

PART III. VITAL STATISTICS

31. The following are the principal vital statistical data for the calendar year ending 31st of December, 1945:—

Estimated population	••••	212,366
Births registered	••••	6,047
Birth rate per 1,000 of the population	•••	28.47
Deaths registered		3,164
Death rate per 1,000 of the population	••••	14.89
Infant Mortality per 1,000 live births		149
Maternal Mortality per 1,000 live births	• • • •	12.2
Still-birth rate per 100 live births	••••	2.64

32. Tables showing a summary of the causes of death in each parish and in age-groups for the whole Island are given as Appendices V and VI.

COMMENTS ON THE VITAL STATISTICS

33. The estimated population of 212,366 showed an increase of 8,837 over that of 1944, representing a rise of 4.11%. The increase was due to the excess of births over deaths which amounted to 2,883 and the excess of persons entering the Colony over those leaving which came to 5,954 making a total of 8,837.

34. Births and Birth rates:—The number of births, 6,047 was 119 in excess of the births recorded in 1944 but the birth rate decreased by .66 per thousand of the population giving a rate of 28.47 due to the increased population.

35. Deaths and Death rates:—During the year 3,164 deaths were recorded, 177 less than in 1944. The death rate declined from 16.42

in 1944 to 14.89 in 1945.

36. Infant Mortality and Maternal Mortality:—The infant mortality rate of 149 per thousand live births showed a decrease of twenty-two compared with the rate for 1944 which was 171. This reduction was not due to improved services as conditions remained the same in 1945 as in previous years. Economic conditions, however, improved in 1945 due to the emigration to the United States and this is the probable cause of the decrease.

37. The maternal mortality rate rose sharply from 5.9 per thousand live births in 1944 to 12.2 in 1945. The increase in this rate is probably due to more accurate returns of maternal deaths by medi-

cal practitioners.

PART IV. INSTITUTIONS

The Barbados General Hospital

38. The proposals for the re-organisation of the Health and Medical Services were given careful consideration by the Board of Directors of the Hospital and particularly that part of the memorandum which dealt with the administration of the Hospital. The Chief Medical Officer was present at one of the meetings and there ensued a very profitable discussion. The Directors showed themselves very willing to accept the recommendations dealing with the status and powers of the Medical Superintendent and the need for a closer liaison between the Government Administrative Medical Staff and the Executive Authority at the Hospital. This is very encouraging and it should be possible to arrange for the Hospital to become part of an organised Government Service without disturbing to any very great extent the existing form of internal organisation.

39. During the period under review it became more and more noticeable that the accommodation at the Hospital was not adequate enough for the ever-growing population. Overcrowding of the wards imposed a heavy strain on the medical and nursing staffs and pre-

sented many problems for the administration.

40. A table showing the main causes of morbidity for which patients were treated at the Hospital is given in Appendix VII. For details regarding staff, accommodation and expenditure recourse should be made to the Annual Report of the Institution.

The Mental Hospital

41. This Government Institution has for the accommodation of patients thirty-one dormitories, four day rooms and 311 single rooms. At the end of the period under review there were 730 patients in

residence, 315 males and 415 females. The expenditure in connection with the Institution for the financial year 1945-46 was £34,107. 9. 3. Extra accommodation for six male and six female

attendants was constructed during the year.

42. The following staff changes took place:—Dr. W. S. Birch, Medical Superintendent, went on leave from the 13th of April, 1945, to the 5th of October, 1945. Dr. A. W. H. Smith, Medical Superintendent, Mental Hospital, British Guiana was seconded for duty as Medical Superintendent as from the 13th of April, 1945 and returned to his post in British Guiana on the 17th of July, 1945. Until Dr. Birch's return, Dr. E. W. Roberts, Parochial Medical Officer, St Michael acted as Medical Superintendent.

43. Dr. A. L. Goddard's appointment as acting Assistant

Medical Superintendent expired on the 31st of March, 1946.

Dr. G. Campbell Young was appointed Assistant Medical Superintendent and assumed duty on the 13th of March, 1946.

The Leper Hospital

44. The improvements recorded in last year's Report have been sustained. The Visiting Committee have taken a great interest in the welfare of the patients and have done much to brighten the atmosphere of what was a very depressing Institution, without interfering

in any way with the general administration.

45. There were forty-eight patients in residence at the end of March, 1946, 23 females and 25 males. There were no new admissions during the year, but four persons were re-admitted due to inability to earn a living outside the Institution. Three discharges were recorded. The expenditure for the financial year 1945-46 was £5,765. 15. 5. The expenditure for the after-care of discharged inmates amounted to £531. 1. 10.

The Prison Hospital

46. There is accommodation for males and females in separate wards. The rate of illness was 2.44 among males and .01 among females. There were no indications of dietary deficiencies.

THE GOVERNMENT INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS.

47. The health of the juveniles was excellent during the year. The diet was investigated by the Chief Medical Officer and recommendations were submitted to Government for certain improvements. These were approved and put into force resulting in an adequate and well-balanced diet.

Parochial Almshouses

48. These eleven Institutions, one for each parish, accommodate destitute and sick persons. The name "Almshouse" is therefore a misnomer and could with advantage be changed to 'Cottage hospital".

The Medical Officers performed their duties efficiently. Renovations were carried out to buildings in the parishes of St. Peter, St. James, St. Lucy and St. John.

Maternal and Child Welfare Clincs and Crêche

49. There are three private organisations which have established child welfare clinics and another carries on a crêche.

50. The Children's Goodwill League continued its good work in the form of a crêche under the supervision of its Founder and Chairman, Mr. John Beckles, M.B.E. During the year 594 children were admitted to the Crêche, and of this number nine left having reached the age for school. A Christmas treat was given to 200 school children and toys were distributed. The League had to discontinue the feeding of the limited number of school children provided with meals as in previous years but intends to start again when conditions permit.

51. The Baby Welfare League, with Mrs. Hanschell as President, did splendid work. 226 babies were admitted to the clinic during the year and the total number of attendances was 2,385. There were thirty-one deaths, the majority of which were due to congenital debil-

ity, malnutrition and gastroenteritis.

52. The Christ Church Baby Welfare League with Madame Ifill as President carried on its work zealously on behalf of the babies of Christ Church. The average attendance of children who received treatment and nourishment was 242 per month. On the 13th of December, 1945 the mothers of the babies and the inmates of the Christ Church Almshouse were entertained and given small gifts of

monev.

53. The St. Lawrence Child Health Centre which has the voluntary services of Mrs. C. W. Stoute, a fully trained public health nurse was re-opened in September, 1945. This centre was run under the supervision of Dr. T. A. Herbert. Parochial Medical Officer, Christ Church. The centre had an active case list of forty with an average attendance of twelve weekly. A baby show was staged during the year with seventy entrants. This centre is organised as a well child clinic and although small, is carrying out valuable work based on modern public health methods.

54. Mention was made in the Annual Report for 1944—45 of a free grant of £24,000 under the Colonial Development and Welfare Act for the establishment of a Maternity Hospital for the efficient training of midwives. This scheme progressed during the year satis-

factorily.

Nursing Services.

55. The General Nursing Council met regularly during the year. Several important matters relating to institutional and private nursing were discussed and decisions reached.

The Barbados Nurses' Association continued to operate the grant given in 1944 under the Colonial Development and Welfare Act. The Chief Medical Officer, as before, gave the work general supervision. The two nurses employed by the Association for district work obtained Health Visitors Certificates, one the Certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute and the other the local certificate granted by the General Nursing Council.

PART V. HYGIENE AND SANITATION

(a) GENERAL REMARKS

57. The memorandum dealing with the reorganisation of the Health and Medical Services to which reference has already been made, pointed out that the parish was too small an administrative unit on which to place the entire responsibility for hygiene and san-However good the intentions of the parochial authorities, it is not possible for them, due to lack of technical knowledge, trained personnel and finance, to provide the highly technical public health services which every community should wish to see established. memorandum also dealt with the need for a well organised central authority with the necessary staff to control, supervise and integrate the work of the local authorities.

58. It follows therefore that the problem resolves itself to a great extent on the relations between the Central Government and the local authorities. As recommended in the memorandum the Central Government on the one hand must come to the assistance of the local authorities and carry out the technical public health work such as the clinics held at Health Centres, provide trained personnel and finance schemes for the improvement of environmental sanitation. the other hand, the local authorities must be willing to co-operate with the Central Government in carrying out the above work and submit to the supervision and control of the Central Authority over such work as they are capable of performing with the limited means at their disposal.

59. No attempt was made in the Memorandum to recommend complete centralisation of all public health services with the consequent abolition of the local health authorities as it was felt that this would be a retrograde step and not in keeping with the desirable trend of allowing communities to take an interest in their own affairs and develop initiative. However, the extreme decentralisation which exists at present with no attempt at integration of the units and no effective supervision and assistance from the Central Government has

resulted in inefficiency and lack of progress.

The staff of Government Sanitary Inspectors, six in number, paid regular visits to the various districts and submitted reports on their inspections. These reports were, as is customary, forwarded to

the Commissioners of Health of the particular parishes to which the reports referred. The reports dealt entirely with defects in environmental sanitation and made no reference to the higher and more technical divisions of public health. It could not be expected that Sanitary Inspectors, however well qualified, would be in a position to report on such work as ante-natal clinics, control of venereal diseases, child health, etc., as these subjects are beyond the scope of Sanitary Inspectors. The appointment of three additional medical officers of health and public health nurses, as recommended in the Memorandum, will be the only means of establishing the higher public health services and arranging for their supervision.

61. The Barbados Sanitary Inspectors' Association continued to promote improvements in matters of public health during the period under review. Lectures by medical officers were organised. The Memorandum for the re-organisation of the Health and Medical Services received close attention from the Association; the Chief Medical

Officer being invited to a meeting at which it was discussed.

62. It was mentioned in last year's Report that the Commissioners of Health of the metropolitan parish of St. Michael had taken over the scavenging from the contractor and made arrangements for the work to be carried out as a departmental service. The service has worked well during the year and the scavenging of the City and the parish has improved to a great extent.

(b) ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

63. No organised school medical service existed during the year. It will not be possible to establish a service until the general health re-organisation proposals are put into effect. When this has been done it is envisaged that the medical officers of health and public health nurses will perform work in schools as a major part of their duties. The Colony is too small and not financially capable of establishing a separate school medical service staffed with health officers and school nurses in addition to the proposed Government health personnel of the Medical Department.

64. Children suffering from visual defects received treatment from Dr. C. H. St.John, Senior Visiting Ophthalmic Surgeon of the General Hospital. Dental treatment was carried out by Dr. C. Payne and Dr. F. M. O. Alleyne. Under the above 102 children were treated for visual defects. There were 10,655 extractions of carious teeth, sixty fillings and 382 children were treated for gum conditions. Although limited, the above services were of great value and did much

to safeguard the future health and happiness of the children.

65. No new school buildings were erected during the period under review, but thirteen new school latrines were built. Attention was drawn in last year's Report to the unsatisfactory condition of school sanitary conveniences, and therefore it is gratifying to be able to record this good start which has been made by the Department

of Education. A Housecraft Centre was built for the purpose of giving practical instruction in cooking, etc. under the control of a trained nutritionist and this will do much to improve nutrition generally.

(c) HEALTH EDUCATION

66. Pupils of elementary schools received instruction in hygiene and sanitation from their school teachers. Lectures were delivered by the Chief Medical Officer to selected groups throughout the year, including school teachers. The practical aspect of health education will be greatly enhanced when there are public health nurses available for work in the districts.

(d) HOUSING

- 67. The Housing Board continued to function during the year. As a result of its endeavours sixty-six new houses were erected, thirteen demolished and three moved from congested areas. Separation of families from congested areas in connection with fifty-three houses was carried out.
- 68. A Bill dealing with Housing and Town and District Planning was introduced into the Legislature. This legislation is of a very comprehensive nature covering the whole field of housing and town and district planning. As soon as it becomes law the Housing Board will cease to function and will be replaced by a Department of Government.

(e) FOOD IN RELATION TO HEALTH

- 69. Dr. B. S. Platt's visit to the Colony was recorded in last year's Report. His report on the state of nutrition in Barbados was received during the period under review. He states that he found indications of deficiencies in the diet of vitamins of the vitamin B Complex group and iron. His recommendations were divided into short term and long term. Under the former he proposed additions to enoble flour, viz., bone meal to supply calcium, food yeast to supply vitamins of the B2 group and a preparation of iron to increase the consumption of iron. He also dealt with the possibility of obtaining flour of a higher extraction. In his long term proposals he stressed the importance of increasing the supply of green leafy vegetables as a good source of the B2 vitamins. In regard to school meals he recommended that until arrangements could be made for ensuring the right kind of food for the children to be served as a hot meal, that the present milk and biscuit ration should continue. His Report was considered by the Nutrition Committee and the recommendations were unanimously agreed to.
- 70. Throughout the year under review the control of prices and subsidization of certain foodstuffs continued. This did a great deal to keep the staple foods within the purchasing power of the lower income groups.

PART VI. TRAINING OF HEALTH PERSONNEL

71. Courses of training were organised for Sanitary Inspectors and Health Visitors (Public health nurses) during the year. The examnations for the Certificates of the Royal Sanitary Institute and the Local Certificates of the General Board of Health and General Nursing Council took place in November, 1945. Twenty-two Sanitary Inspectors and nine Health Visitors obtained Certificates of the Royal Sanitary Institute; seven Inspectors the Certificate in Meat and Other Foods and one the Diploma in Tropical Hygiene from the above Institute. In the examinations for the local certificates, twenty Sanitary

Inspectors and ten Health Visitors were successful.

72. Dr. F. N. Grannum, the Sanitation Officer, proceeded to Harvard University, United States of America on the 15th of September, 1945 for the purpose of taking a course in Public Health. Dr. A. P. Muir, a Parochial Medical Officer was selected for the post of Visiting Obstetrician to the proposed Maternity Hospital and left the Colony for the United Kingdom on the 12th of December, 1945 to take a course in obstetrics. Three nurses from the Barbados General Hospital went to the United Kingdom during 1945 to be trained in general nursing at the London County Council Hospitals, and one nurse went to Jamaica for training in public health nursing. The expenses to cover the cost of the training of all the above personnel were met from grants under the Colonial Development and Welfare Act.

73. During the year two Barbadian nurses trained in public health nursing one at Toronto, Canada and the other in Jamaica, returned to the Colony. Owing to the fact that there existed no organised Service in Barbados no posts could be found for them. The Canadian trained nurse was appointed to a post in Jamaica and the other to a post in St. Vincent, B.W.I.

H. D. WEATHERHEAD, Chief Medical Officer.

24th September, 1946.

APPENDIX I.

PARCCHIAL EXPENDITURE ON SANITATION FOR 1945—46.

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St. James	• • • •	• • • •	• • • •	806	0	2
St. Thomas		• • • •	••••	510	1	7
St. Peter	• • • •	•••	• • • •	852	15	2
St. Lucy			• • • •	1,232	18	2
St. Joseph	• • • •	• • • •	• • • •	892	6	1
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APPENDIX II

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COST OF PAROCHIAL POOR LAW ADMINISTRATION, 1945-46.

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No. of persons buried at Parish expense	192	20	19	13		4	ಸರ	9	18		∞	303
No. of persons who received Medical Relief in Almshouse	1,127	රි	301	272	097	221	174	144	125	164	95	2,968
No. of persons housed in Almshouse for non-medical reasons (Destitute)	390	81	64	29	40	51	27	16	30	20	53	277
No. of persons who weceived Relief in Kind	876	2	9	9	85	H	1		c 3	208	<u></u>	1,044
No. of persons who weived Cash Relief	1,975	396	321	541	130	397	101	126	361	177	56	4,581
No. of persons who received Medical Relief	3,213	2,224	617	1,188	1,858	218	529	413	325	774	144	11,503
No. of persons who received any kind of Poor Relief	5,133	2,636	890	1,608	1,898	773	612	514	638	896	315	15,913
Parish	St. Michael	Ch. Church	St. George		St. John	St. James	Thomas .	Peter .	Lucy	Toseph	Andrew	Total

APPENDIX III.

The Annual Report of the Port Health Officer for the Year 1945.

There has been little change in the staff since the last Annual Report. Dr. J. A. Browne was appointed to act as Port Health Officer while Dr. A. G. Bancroft was appointed to act as Assistant Port Health Officer. Dr. A. L. Stuart's duties as acting Assistant Port Health Officer ceased.

During the year none of the Staff was away on leave.

Leave

During the year there was 698 arrivals of vessels at Bridgetown. These vessels were boarded by the Port Health Officer and Assistant Port Health Officer. (Please refer to Table "A" re Rig of vessels, of what nationality they were etc). This year's arrivals show an increase of sixteen as compared with those of the previous year. The following is a statement of the arrivals for the past five years including the year under review:—

No. of Arrivals

Increase in Arrivals

Year					Arrivals
1941	• • • •		• • • •	• • • •	7 81
1942			• • • •	* * * *	485
1943	••••	• • • •		• • • •	509
1944	• • • •	• • • •	• • • •	• • • •	682
1945		****	• • • •	* * * *	698

4. During the year there were 1,371 arrivals of B.W.I. Airways No. of planes and 8,920 passengers arrived by air and were inspected. 181 passengers were placed under Medical surveillance. There were also 1,028 passengers intransit.

passengers

There were no arrivals from ports infected or suspected of being infected with quarantinable diseases.

Arrivals from infected ports

There were no arrivals of ships from infected ports; but a routine inspection was carried out on all 3rd class and deck passengers farriving at this port on steamships and also on passengers and crews of sailing vessels.

Medical inspection carried out

The total number of crews of vessels, with the exception of warships, that arrived at the port of Bridgetown during the year was 12,669. Of these, 4,418 were medically inspected.

Total No. of crews for year

The number of passengers who arrived by ship for Barbados No. of passengers during the year was 7,969, 3rd class and deck, one (1) was 2nd class, and 134, 1st class.

for Barbados

The passengers intransit totalled 524. Of these 305 were 9. 1st class, one (1) 2nd class, 218, 3rd class and deck.

Intransit Passengers Passengers and stowaways medically inspected

Passeners placed under medical surveillance

Vessels boarded to seal wireless

Fumigations

Quarantine measures enforced

Tonnage

- 10. The total number of passengers medically inspected was 8,162. There were also three stowaways who were medically inspected.
- 11. During the year five persons were placed under medical surveillance.
- 12. There were no vessels boarded at night for the purpose of allowing the Customs Authorities to seal the Wireless.

13. Two vessels were fumigated under Careenage Regulations, free of charge during the year. Seventeen (17) rats were destroyed.

14. Quarantine measures were enforced throughout the year against Venezuela, Santa Domingo, Cuba, Haiti, Columbia, Brazil and the Argentine Republic.

15. The total tonnage of vessels that arrived during the year was 413.737 (steamships being 387,378 and sailing vessels 26,359).

J. A. BROWNE,
Acting Port Health Officer.
Barbados
25th July, 1946.

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Nationality	British	American	Canadian	French	Dutch	Colombian	Norweigan	Spanish	Venezuelan	Panamanian	

APPENDIX IV.

SUMMARY OF WORK DONE BY THE INSPECTING FIELD FORCE FOR THE YEAR 1945—46.

(a) Inspection	ons :					
Houses inspected	•		•••		• • • •	23,855
Water closets	••••	••••	••••	••••	••••	2,443
Pit closets	••••	••••	••••	•••	••••	12 759
Pail closets	• • • •	•••	•••	••••	••••	2,382
Pails or buckets	• • • •	••••	••••	•••	••••	1,235
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Privy middens		• • • •	•••	• • • •	• • • •	209
Using in common	. ••••	• • • •	••••	•••	•••	1,433
Premises keeping	animals	••••	••••	••••	• • • •	6,537
Urinals to stables	· · · ·	••••	••••	•••	••••	2,084
Manure heaps	• • • •	• • • •	••••	•••	• • • •	1,185
Water receptacles	5	••••	••••	•••	•••	3,652
Surface wells	•••	• • • •	••••	•••	••••	257
(b) Nuisance	es :					
Full pit closets	• • • •	•••				318
Insanitary pit cle	osets	• • • •	• • • •	• • • •	••••	17
Full and/or insan			• • • •	• • •		258
Full and/or insan	itary pit	holes	• • • •	•••		129
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Premises with no				• • • •	• • • •	149
Premises with dis			etc	• • • •	• • • •	1,108
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No. of premises of		-				587
Premises keeping	animals	contrary	to the	by-laws	• • • •	199
Total nu	imber of	nuisances		• • • •	••••	3,882
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No. of mice destro	gyea, traj	pped and 1	.ouna po	Isonea	• • • •	2,192

APPENDIX V

CAUSES OF DEATHS, ARRANGED IN AGE GROUPS, REGISTERED IN THE ISLAND DURING 1945.

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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 (a) (b) (c) (d) (e)	Typhoid and paratyphoid fevers Plague Scarlet Fever Whooping Cough Diphtheria Tuberculosis of the respiratory system All other forms of tuberculosis Purulent infection and septicaemia (non-puerperal) Dysentery Malaria Syphilis Influenza Smallpox Measles Typhus Fever Diseases due to helminths Other infective or parasitic diseases: Tetanus Leprosy Cerebro-spinal (Meningococcal) Meningitis Acute Poliomyelitis Other	- -	5 6				7 23 1 1 1 1 1 3	14 16 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	11 14 1 12 1 2 2 6 4 8					1		1	1	61 4 7 6 103 8 4 23 4 20 20	4 49 6 5 85 9 2 23 2 8 8	13 110 4 13 11 186 17 6 46 6 28 28
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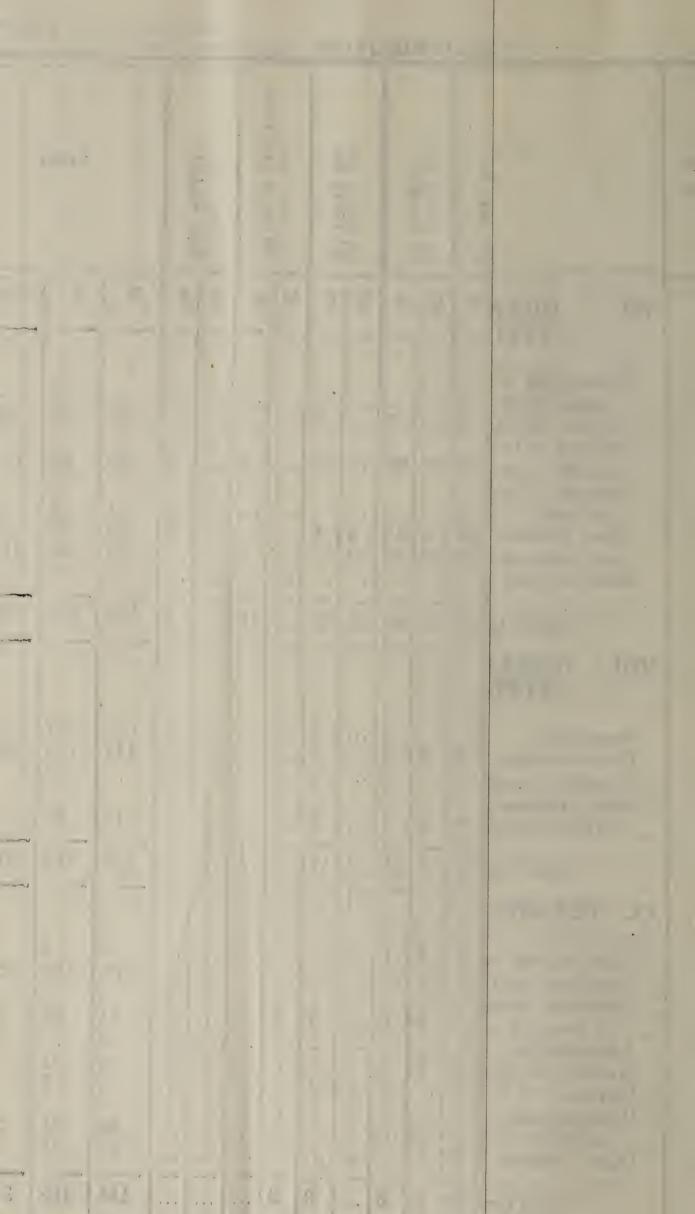
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	Total, Group III)
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3 3 34	V. CHRONIC POISONING AND INTOXICATION Chronic or acute alcoholism Other chronic poisonings Total, Group V	2 - 2
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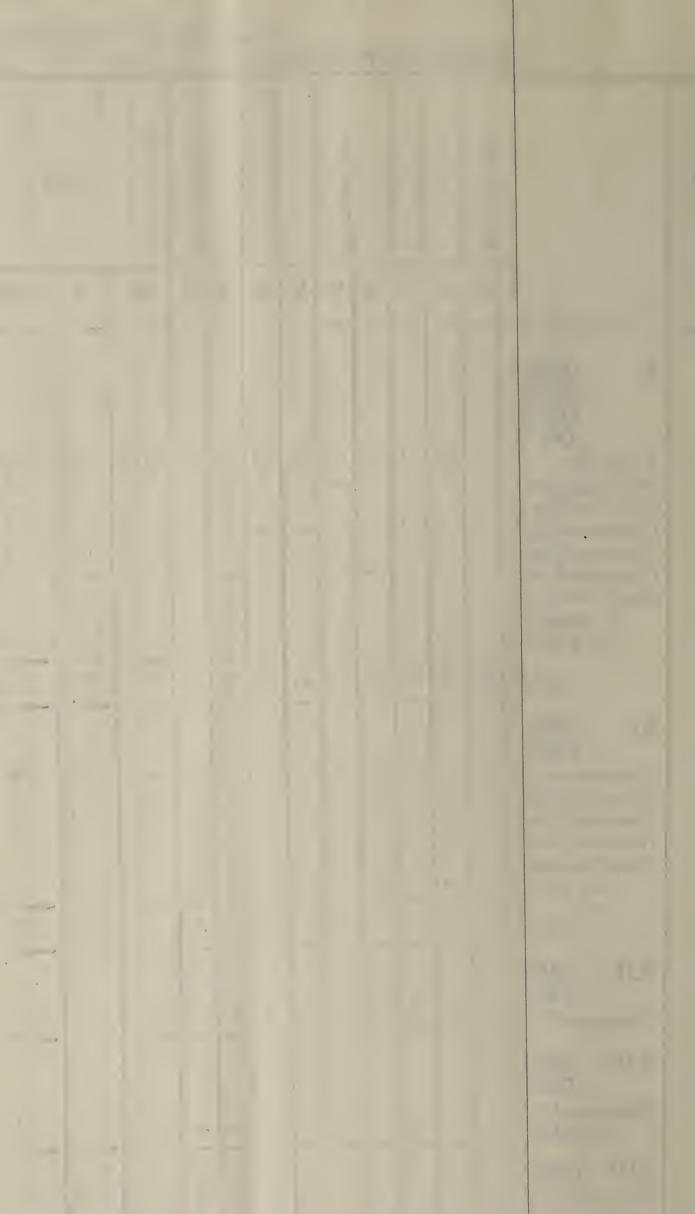
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4	CAUSES OF DEATHS, ARRANGED IN AGE GROUPS, REGISTERED IN THE ISLAND DURING 1945.																				
REF. No.	CAUSES OF DEATH (2)	Under one year		1 year to 3 years	7 C	years to	5 years to 10 years	10 years to 20 years		20 years &c.	30 years &c.	40 years &c.	50 years &c.	60 years &c.	70 years &c.	80 years &c.	90 years and over	Not Stated		Total	
	VII. DISEASES OF THE CIRCULATORY SYSTEM.	M	F	M F	M	F N	M F	M .	F N	1 F	M F	MF		M F	M F	M F	M F	M F	M	F	Total
42 43 44 45 46 47 48	Pericarditis (including chronic rheumatic								1	2 1 1 1 	1 1	2 3 4 5 1 3 3 3	3 2 2 5 12 3 1 8 4 6 4 4	7 21 17 3 12 13 4 10 8 1	2 3 27 28 5 12 24 39 	2 17 31 6 17 23 	3 	1 2	10 83 1 30 55 1	4 16 94 3 42 83 1 243	4 26 177 4 72 138 2
49 50 51 52	Bronchitis Pneumomonia and broncho-pneumonia Pleurisy (non-tuberculous) Other diseases of the respiratory system, except tuberculosis Total Group VIII	7 70	6	3 _	_	1.	•• ••	1		4	4		2 2 3	4	1 3	3			• • •	27 105 2 29 163	50 222 2 45 319
53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60	Ulcer of the stomach or duodenum Diarrhoea, and enteritis (under 2 years of age) Diarrhoea, enteritis and ulceration of the intestines (2 years of age and over) Appendicitis Hernia, intestinal obstruction Cirrhosis of the liver Other diseases of the liver and biliary passages, including biliary calculi Other diseases of the digestive system Total Group IX	92 1	108 2 7 6	12 1	6	1 .	1 1 1 1	1 		1 2 1 2 2 2 2	2 1 1 2 1		1	1 1 2 1 2 1 2 1 2 1 2 1 2 1 2 1 2 1 2 1	4 6	7	3 		22 12	2 124 23 11 3 15 15 15	34 2 17 7 37 27



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61 62 63 64 65 66 67	X. DISEASES OF THE URINARY AND GENITAL SYSTEMS (NOT VENEREAL OR CONNECTED WITH PREGNANCY OR THE PUERPERIUM) Nephritis	3	7		1		• • •	• • •						1	. 1	1	2		1 1 3	J	1			•••		122 2 3 1 7	101 1 2	223 3 4 1 7
68 69 70 71 72	XI. DISEASES OF PREGNANCY, CHILD-BIRTH, AND THE PUERPERAL STATE Diseases and accidents of pregnancy Abortion without mention of septic conditions Post-abortive infection Infection during childbirth and the puerpérium Other accidents and diseases of childbirth and the puerperium Total, Group XI			3				•••					8 1 3						•••			7					26 1 1 2 7 37	242 26 1 2 7 37
73	XII. DISEASES OF THE SKIN AND CELLULAR TISSUE. Diseases of the skin and cellular tissue XIII. DISEASES OF THE BONES AND ORGANS OF MOVEMENT. Diseases of the bones and organs of movement,		1								1			1	. 2	1				1	-		1				4	4:
7 4 7 5	except tuberculosis and rheumatism XIV. CONGENITAL MALFORMATIONS. Congenital malformations (still births excepted)	3	5	1.	1 .			1	1	1																5	8	13



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CAUSES OF DEATHS, ARRANGED IN AGE GROUPS, REGISTERED IN THE ISLAND DURING 1945.

REF. No.	CAUSES OF DEATH (2)	Under one year		1 year to 3 years		3 years to 5 years	5 years to 10 years		10 years to 20 years		20 years &c.	30 years &c.		10 woons &c	e Took:		ou years &c.		ou years &c.	70 vrooms & o	years		80 years &c.	90 years & over		Not stated		Total	
	XV. DISEASES PECULIAR TO THE FIRST YEAR OF LIFE.	M	F	M F	_ M	F —	M .	F N	A F	M 	F	M	F -	M	F	M	F	M	F_	M	F	M	F	M E		M F	M	F	Total
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79	Other diseases peculiar to the first year of life	22	12											•••		• • •	• ^ •	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •					22	12	34
	Total, Group XV	189	166	10						• • •				• • •	• • •	•••	•••		••	• • •	•••	•••	• • •			• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	199	172	371
	XVI. SENILITY, OLD AGE.																												
80	Senility, Old Age													• • •	• • •	1		6	9	13	37	11	70	2 2	22	1	34	138	172
	XVII. VIOLENT OR ACCIDENTAL DEATHS.													•••	• • •														
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83	Automobile accidents (all motor driven road vehicles							1	10 2	6	3	11	1	1	1	1			• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •				29	7	36
84	Other violent or accidental deaths (automobile accidents excepted)	2	• • •		1 3				7 2	1	•••	2		3	1	2	2	1	•••	3	• • •	1	1				26	7	33
85	Deaths of persons in military service during—and of civilians due to																												
86	operations of war Legal executions					•••	1	ļ			1			•••	• • •	• • •		•••	• • •	• • •	•••	• • •			1		•••	• • •	•••
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	XVIII. ILL-DEFINED CAUSES OF DEATH.												_ -	-	V-														
87	Causes of death unstated or ill-defined	1	4	17 1	8 3	2	•••	1	1	• • •	•••	2	1	2	3	5	5	4	8	4	4	1	6		1		40	53	93
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APPENDIX VII.

Table showing a summary of the main causes of morbidity for which patients were treated at the Barbados General Hospital.

Diseases	Cases	Diseases	Cases
Abortion	117	Gangrene	46
Abrasions	42	Gastro-enteritis	6
Abscesses	202	Glaucoma	34
Adenitis	34	Haematoma	15
Adenoids	79	Hernia	200
Anaemia	26	Hydrocele	27
Aneurism	37	Jaundice	75
Appendicitis	438	Marasmus	82
Arthritis	40	Menorrhagia	50
Bronchitis	91	Nephritis	57
Broncho-pneumonia	171	Neuritis	16
Burns	85	Oedema	16
Carbuncle	20	Orchitis	9
Carcinoma	91	Osteomyelitis	37
Cardiac Disease	118	Paraphimosis	14
Cataract	71	Pelvic Cellulitis	3
Cellulitis	113	Peritonitis	47
Cerebrospinal meningitis	47	Phimosis	9
Colic	72	Pleurisy	42
Colitis	23	Pneumonia	181
Conjunctivitis	33	Poisoning	48
Constipation	39	Pyrexia	27
Convulsions	16	Salpingitis	9
Cysts	51	Septicaemia	10
Diabetes	32	Stricture	18
Diarrhoea	43	Syphilis	41
Dysentery	4	Tetanus	51
Dysmenorrhoea	21	Tonsillitis	106
Endometritis	10	Toxaemia	82
Enteric Fever	42	Tuberculosis	25
Fibroid	173	Tumours	34
Fractures	189	Ulcers	133

